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SUBJ: IVORIAN VIEWS ON GUINEAN SECURITY

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AMBASSADOR AND AFW DIRECTOR SMITH CALLED ON MFA
DIRECTOR OF CABINET AND SENIOR PERMANENT OFFICIAL EMMANUEL NOUMA
DEC 9. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS SUBJECTS,
WE RAISED SEKOU TOURE'S FEARS REGARDING GUINEAN
SECURITY. REITERATING THE LINE TAKEN PUBLICLY ON
SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY HOUPHOUET AND OTHERS, NOUAMA
SAID WITH SOME HEAT THAT GUINEA IS NOT, REPEAT NOT,
THREATENED BY THE IVORY COAST. HE WENT ON TO SAY
THAT THERE WERE LARGE NUMBERS OF GUINEANS IN THE
IVORY COAST AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT, AND THAT MOVEMENTS
BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE BORDER WERE CONTINUOUS AND
ON A SUBSTANTIAL SCALE. HE REFERRED TO SEKOU TOURE'S
PERIODIC SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS AND PURGES IN GUINEA
AND SAID THAT THEY WERE LARGELY QUOTE A MEANS TO MOBILIZE
POPULATION UNQUOTE. IN A SIMILAR VEIN HE CHARACTERIZED
SEKOU TOURE'S REPEATED EVOCATIONS OF A FOREIGN THREAT
TO GUINEA AS AN EFFORT TO DIVERT THE POPULATVN'S ATTEN-
TION FROM INTERNAL PROBLEMS. NOUAMA CONCLUDED THAT
GUINEAN RELATIONS WITH IVORY COAST WOULDIMPROVE MARKEDLY
IF THE IVORY COAST WOULD AGREE TO RETURN RESIDENT GUINEANS
TO GUINEA, BUT HE ADDED, QUOTE THIS WE SHALL NEVER DO
UNQUOTE.

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COMMENT: DAO IS REPORTING BY SEPTTEL THE BEEFED-UP
FRENCH MILITARY CONTRIBUTION TO GOIC'S NATIONAL DAY
PARADE ON DECEMBER 7, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL AMX TANKS
AND PASSES BY THREE JAGUAR AIRCRAFT FLOWN BY FRENCH
PILOTS. THIS UNUSUAL DISPLAY WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY
HOUPHOUET'S WAY OF REPLYING TO RECENT INVECTIVE FROM
CONAKRY. STEARNS

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